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Alleged beating by police of persons in the compound of a vakil at Mangalore for wearing Gandhi caps.

*51 Q.—Mr U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a Police Sub-Inspector and other police men entered the compound of vakil Mr. B. Ramaya Punja in Mangalore town in the month of June 1930 and drove away his clients who were waiting for him in the veranda of his office, for having worn Gandhi caps;

(*b*) whether the clerk of the said Mr. Ramaya Punja who did not run away from his office, was beaten by the police for having worn a Gandhi cap, if not, why he was beaten; and

(*c*) whether Mr. Ramaya Punja wrote a letter to the Superintendent of Police or Collector complaining about the police action in his premises; if the answer is in the affirmative, the contents of the letter and the action taken or proposed to be taken on the same?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government have no information. No such incident has been reported to Government.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"Have the Government called for the information?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"We did not call for the information because we had the reports of the District Magistrate."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"The answer is that Government have no information. But I understand the hon. the Home Member to have said that he has received information. May I know why he states that there is no information?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"The District Magistrates send their fortnightly reports. On searching them I have found no such information."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"While the answer says that the Government have no information the hon. Member admits that he has received some reports."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I have already explained that the District Magistrates send their fortnightly reports."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know what the Government mean by saying that they have no information? It is a very comprehensive term."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I have already answered."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Are we to take it that these incidents never took place?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"We have to rely on the District Magistrates' reports."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether the Government propose to ascertain or have ascertained from the Superintendent of Police or the Collector the facts about the alleged incident?"

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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No such specific question was put to the District Magistrate."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know whether they propose to do it in the future ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " The suggestion will be considered."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know why when a definite interpellation is put, information was not called for ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Because the Government did not think it necessary."

Alleged beating by police of people on the maidan at Mangalore.

* 52 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether those persons who had come to the maidan at Mangalore on the second day of lathi charges in June 1930 were pursued and beaten ;

(b) whether the said place had been previously forbidden for public resort before the said lathi charges were ordered ; if so, when ;

(c) what is the usual number of people who frequent the maidan in the evenings ; and

(d) (i) what was the number of people beaten on the said second day and what was the nature of their wounds ;

(ii) how many of those beaten were civil disobedience volunteers and how many were passers-by or spectators or strangers ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have no information.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT :—" Will the Government call for the information ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " The suggestion will be considered."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know why the Government did not think it necessary to call for the information ? The allegation was made as early as November."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Government thought it not necessary to go into the details."

Alleged police excesses in Mangalore.

* 53 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Superintendent of Police, South Kanara, promised the Chairman of the Mangalore Municipality that he would see that the police excesses would not be repeated ;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, what was the assurance of the Superintendent of Police, South Kanara ; and

(c) what action the Government propose to take on the police excesses in Mangalore ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) There were no police excesses in Mangalore.